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Letter dated 1 April 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Chad addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I would like to inform you that my country was once more attacked this morning by the Sudan through armed groups that are in its pay. Notwithstanding the Agreement signed on 13 March 2008 under the auspices of the President of Senegal and in the presence of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, our frontier was crossed along a stretch of almost 70 km by heavily equipped armed groups with allegiance to the Sudan which, supported by the sinister Janjaweed, attacked the locality of Adé, right in Chadian territory.

This is a flagrant violation of all the commitments entered into by the Sudanese Government, particularly those contained in the Dakar Agreement, which clearly stipulates that the two countries will prevent any destabilizing and aggressive activity against each other. How long will the Sudan go on flouting Chad's territorial integrity? Is any reminder needed that President Al-Bashir's unavowed intention is to overthrow the legitimate authorities in Chad so as to install a regime under his sway? It seems to us that it is high time for the Security Council, which has now been seized of this matter since 2005 and was yesterday, 31 March 2008, presented with the latest evidence of the Sudanese aggression, to once again intercede, this time more forcefully, with the Sudanese Government to put a stop to its macabre efforts at destabilization; it is in the general interest to take prompt action to prevent the situation in the subregion from getting out of hand. With this in mind, it would be judicious to further strengthen MINURCAT so as to increase its security impact in the area. It is therefore highly desirable and urgent that the Security Council and the international community should truly grasp the real danger and act immediately to avoid greater injurious consequences, especially as bilateral and regional efforts have not produced the expected results.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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